

## NEW STAR TO PLAY IN "LOVE WATCHES"

Other Strange Faces to Be  
Seen Among Columbia  
Players.

"Love Watches," that exquisite comedy in which Billie Burke delighted her Washington admirers little more than a year ago, will be used as a medium this week for presenting the new leading woman of the Columbia Players—Blanche Hall.

Miss Hall is little known in this city, although she has been seen here in "Sweet Clover" and as leading woman with Robert Edison in "Soldiers of Fortune," as during the past five years she has been leading woman of the Morosco Stock Company in San Francisco and Los Angeles, where she is a reigning favorite. She is said to be sweet and pretty, with a voice and presence that in the role of Jacqueline, an impulsive, whole-souled young girl, fresh from the convent, is expected to insure her immediate popularity.

There are nine feminine roles in "Love Watches" and in addition to Miss Hall two other young women will make their first appearance with the company on this occasion. They are Dolle Vanden and Nina Tessa. Miss Vanden, who will play the sisters Christine and Solace, daughters of the Baroness de St. Ermin, a role in which Grace Sherwood will appear.

Then there will be Florence Huntington as Lucie de Morfontaine, Emeline Melville as Marquise de Juigny, Phyllis Sherwood as Charlotte Bernier, Carrie Thatcher as Rose and Pearl Havin as Louise. Among the men Paul McAllister and Everett Butterfield will lead off as the Count Andre de Juigny, and Ernest Augarde, respectively, with Walter Wilson as the Abbe Merlin, Frederick Forrester as Mons. Carlier, Joseph Haze as German, Stanley James as Francois, Frank Shannon as the chauffeur, and others for the smaller parts.

"Love Watches" was written originally in the French by R. de Fiers and G. Callavet, and has been adapted to the American stage by Gladys Unger. While it is typically French in its situations, bright humor and sparkling humor, the adapter has changed the dramatic emphasis and brought forth a new form of comedy that carries with it the appealing charm of innocent girlhood. All in all it may be said that "Love Watches" is one of the most charming little comedies of many seasons.

## TRAVEL PICTURES TO BE SEEN TONIGHT

The first of the Sunday evening diversions at the Columbia Theater is scheduled for tonight, when the Lyman H. Howe New York Hippodrome Travel Festival will return for the second annual engagement with sound-accompanied motion picture programs that challenge competition.

For tonight Mr. Howe has an exceptionally interesting series, obtained by permission of the War and Navy Departments. The Government, anxious to promote a greater interest in the service, gave the exhibitor every facility to produce a series of pictures that would be the first animated reproduction of the fighting forces of a great nation.

More than 10,000 soldiers, mobilized at Annapolis, cadets at West Point and officers posted for the scenes. Two wonderful trick cavalry, at Fort Myer, display their ability, land mines explode, crack companies of the army make record time in scaling walls, and many other features are shown.

There are twenty other subjects that make up the two and one-half-hour entertainment. The humorous incidents that are blended with the serious are of the lively character that give the Howe Company of imitators excellent opportunity to fit the action of the human characters with clever conversations. More than 200 kinds of mechanical apparatus are used to fit the action of the various subjects with natural sound.

## COMING OFFERINGS AT THE THEATERS

### COLUMBIA—"Soldiers of Fortune."

Romantic, military melodrama will reign upon the stage of the Columbia Theater a week from tomorrow night, when the Columbia players will offer an elaborate production of Richard Harding Davis' gripping story of South American intrigue, "Soldiers of Fortune."

It is a play of excellent construction and commanding interest, and has not been seen in this city since it served as the vehicle for the first tour of Robert Edison as a hero.

On that occasion the new leading woman, who is now heading the Columbia's forces, Blanche Hall, occupied a similar position with Mr. Edison.

The character is entirely different from the one in which Miss Hall will be seen this week in "Love Watches."

### ACADEMY—"Three Weeks."

One of the prettiest stage pictures ever seen at the Academy will be found in the second act of Elinor Glyn's dramatization of her strange story, "Three Weeks," during the week beginning August 8.

It shows the loggia of the palace at Venice during the "Feast of the Roses." In the foreground is a room of an old Venetian palace, gorgeously decorated with roses of every hue and variety, and through three stately arches may be seen the Grand Canal, with the moon shining on its rippling waters, and in the distance the stately buildings of Venice, all brilliantly illuminated.

It makes a pleasing picture and a good setting for the inspiring, emotional acting of handsome Jeanne Fowler when she parts, as "The Lady," from the handsome English youth, Paul Verdane.

There have been many criticisms against Elinor Glyn's book, but, according to all descriptions, her dramatization is a thing of beauty, with nothing to offend. The play will be presented here with an unusually strong cast and a production of appealing charm. The seat sale begins Thursday, August 4, at 9 o'clock.

### ESPERANTO PLAY.

Maurice Jarvis, who played recently with the Ben Greet Players at the Belasco Theater, will be the "Jacques" with the Hickman Players in their Esperanto performance of "As You Like It" during the week of the Esperanto Congress.

The performance will be given at the Bristol School grounds, Minnwood place, on the nights of August 2, 7, and 8. It was originally intended to be given one night only as scheduled on the regular program of the congress week, but so many requests have come in from the general public to see a play given in the Esperanto language, that it has been decided to run the play three nights.

## MAKES BOW HERE TOMORROW NIGHT



BLANCHE HALL.  
Actress Who Will Lead the Columbia Players During Remains of Season.

## "ARK OF SAFETY" MEETS STORMS AND DISASTER

Official Interference Puts Stop to Effort of Conley & Co. to Uplift the Colored Race, Mainly by Means of a Former Slave Pension Bill.

It is all right to elevate, educate, and otherwise improve the intelligence and financial standing of the colored race, but A. C. Conley picked out the wrong way to bring about these worthy objects.

This is what the Postoffice Department said as it issued a fraud order against the Great National Ex-Slave Pension Association, National Ex-Slave Union Congressional and Legislative Association of the United States, and A. C. Conley, general manager, 470 Washington street northwest, Washington, D. C.

According to the calm and condemnatory phraseology of the official documents of the department showing why Conley and his associates are barred from using the mails, they had framed up a frenzied finance scheme that would have aroused the envy of Cassie Chadwick in her palmist days. They went out literature informing all the former slaves in the country that they were about to push through Congress a bill giving the former slaves large and juicy pensions.

For this generous achievement, Mr. Conley and his fellows, working for the uplift of their race, asked that each former slave contribute an initiation fee of \$1 and pay dues of 10 cents a month. According to the literature of the organization, Mr. Conley, with a rare self-denial, reserved for himself 99 per cent of the initiation fee. Apparently, he figured out that he had to be paid something for how much he knew as well as for what he did.

Not only did the organization intend to get pensions for the old slaves, but it went further, it described itself as the "Ark of Safety" for the whole colored race, and it asked the colored people to board the ark as soon as possible.

Unfortunately, however, the scramble to get aboard was not noticeable, for when Conley, general manager and financial secretary of the association, and Parker Morton and W. H. Small, his fellow-officers, appeared before the department, they said they had collected only \$32, and of that sum they had left in the bank 50 cents.

The department decided that 50 cents of legislation would not go very far toward pensioning all the old slaves, and also pointed out that there is not a chance on earth to get such a bill through Congress, although several at-



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## NEW LEADING WOMAN COMES TO COLUMBIA

Favorite From Pacific Coast  
to Finish Stock Sea-  
son Here.

Blanche Hall is announced today as the new leading woman of the Columbia Players, with whom she will open tomorrow night as Jacqueline, the role in which Billie Burke blossomed into stardom under the guidance of Charles Frohman.

Miss Hall is regarded as one of the most talented young leading women in the stock field today, and she was secured by Managers Metzger and Berger after active competition. During the past five years, as leading woman of the Morosco stock company in Los Angeles and San Francisco, she has played a great variety of parts, representing practically every great success of the past ten years. She is a native of Virginia, where her mother also was born, and local pride had no inconsiderable effect in influencing her to come to the borderland city.

Prior to going west Miss Hall was started by Frohman in "Zira," and by Broadhurst & Company in "Sweet Clover," besides having been leading woman with Robert Edison in "Soldiers of Fortune."

Miss Hall is heralded as being young, talented, a beautiful dresser, and with all a thoroughly attractive woman both on and off the stage.

## PROVES HEROINE; SAVES TWO BOYS

NEW YORK, July 31.—Miss Leona Madden of Baltimore, who is visiting at Beverly, N. J., is a heroine today, having saved the lives of two young boys, John and James Titus, eight and ten years old, respectively, who fell into Mill creek, where they were fishing.

Miss Madden displayed quick wit and strength, and although attired in a white duck dress and white shoes, waded out to the struggling lads. Before she reached the boys she was pulled down, and she was unable to swim. She bravely and towed the two little fishermen to safety.

## CINCINNATI COURT UPHOLDS BARONESS

CINCINNATI, July 31.—Baroness Nadine von Kliffus-Proctor, who resisted the issuance of an injunction against the transfer of 100 shares of stock valued at \$10,000, has won her suit before Judge Woodmansee, who has dismissed the charge that the stock had been obtained by fraudulent collusion between Joseph de Wyckoff, of London, and Mrs. Proctor.

The decision says that the stock was given by Percy Proctor, husband of the baroness, previous to their marriage, as collateral for a marriage settlement of \$20,000.

Attorneys on both sides of the case say there is not the slightest chance for a reconciliation between the baroness and her husband.

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## MEN OF FINANCE ARE ORGANIZING

Andrew Aids in Formation  
of Currency Association  
in New York.

Acting Secretary of the Treasury Andrew has returned from New York, where he went to facilitate the organization of an emergency currency association under the emergency currency law.

Mr. Andrew has been notified that one has been formed in Philadelphia. Washington was the first city to form one, and another has been organized at Atlanta.

Mr. Andrew said today that the action of New York and Philadelphia would undoubtedly be followed by the formation of currency associations in all the large banking centers of the country. Inquiries have been received from as far west as Seattle.

## GOV. PATTERSON'S INJURY PAINFUL

Attacked by Mountaineer, Tennessee  
see Executive Is Hurt at  
Winchester.

WINCHESTER, Tenn., July 31.—Governor Patterson today is suffering from the effects of the rough handling which was accorded him yesterday when a giant mountaineer seized him and threw him to the ground.

Governor Patterson came to Winchester yesterday, where he was to attend the fair. He was received by a crowd of people and while shaking hands in the midst of a crowd, a giant from the mountains rushed through the crowd, grasped the governor around the neck, and bore him to the ground, striking at him with his fist.

## EXPLOSION AVERTED; OPERATOR IS A HERO

PITTSBURGH, Pa., July 31.—John West, a telegraph operator at Castle Shannon Station, today is hailed as a hero.

A train of seven freight cars caught fire near his station. He knew that one of the cars was loaded with dynamite, and entering it he tried open the boxes containing the explosive, and when the flames reached it the dynamite being loose simply went up in a puff of smoke.

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